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SUBJECT: TERRORIST FINANCE: FRENCH FOLLOWUP ON SAUDI FIVE  
DESIGNATION

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(S) ON SEPTEMBER 14, ECONOFF DELIVERED REF A FOLLOWUP  
DEMARCHE TO THE MFA INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS OFFICE AND  
THE SAUDI ARABIA DESK. CONCERNED ABOUT HOW DESIGNATION OF  
AL-HAWALI AND AL-AWDA WOULD IMPACT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, AS  
WELL AS SAUDI-FRENCH AND SAUDI-AMERICAN RELATIONS, THEY ASKED  
WHAT THE OFFICIAL SAUDI REACTION HAS BEEN TO THE U.S.

PROPOSAL. NOT ONLY ARE THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS WELL-KNOWN AND  
POPULAR IN SAUDI ARABIA BUT, THEY SAID, THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT  
WORKS WITH THEM - OR EVEN "USES" THEM - IN ITS EFFORTS TO  
CONTROL RADICAL ISLAMIC MOVEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY. FINALLY,  
THEY CONFIRMED THAT THE GOF HAS LONG BEEN AWARE OF THESE  
INDIVIDUALS' INVOLVEMENT IN PROMOTING RADICAL AND VIOLENT  
ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH IRAQ, AND ASKED  
WHY THE U.S. HAD CHOSEN THIS PARTICULAR MOMENT TO MOVE  
AGAINST THEM. THEY REITERATED FRENCH OBJECTION BUT, THE  
SECURITY AFFAIRS OFFICER SAID, IF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI  
ARABIA SUPPORTED THE DESIGNATION, THE GOF WOULD LIKELY  
RECONSIDER ITS OWN OBJECTION.

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